



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, December 27, 2011 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk  
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## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on December 27, 2011, in the Ned Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, 314 W. 11th St., Austin, TX. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Kimberlie Slade.

Samuel T. Biscoe	County Judge	Present
Ron Davis	Precinct 1, Commissioner	Present
Sarah Eckhardt	Precinct 2, Commissioner	Present
Karen L. Huber	Precinct 3, Commissioner	Present
Margaret J. Gómez	Precinct 4, Commissioner	Absent

## Citizens Communication

Members of the Court heard from:  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

## Special Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on an order concerning outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Hershel Lee, Travis County Fire Marshal

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

*Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action, the prohibition against outdoor burning remains lifted.*

2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding:
  - a. Presentation of patriotic employer certificate to the Travis County Commissioners Court from employer support of the Guard and Reserve; and
  - b. Presentation of military honors to Travis County employee Colonel Leroy Ontiberos from Major General Gary Bunch and Major General Jaye Wells.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Major Tyson Voekel  
Alan Burgeron, Ombudsman, Department of Defense  
Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management  
Major General Jimmy Jaye Wells  
Colonel Leroy Ontiberos

Major General Gary Bunch

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Transportation, Natural Resources and Facilities Dept. Items**

3. Consider and take appropriate action on approval of a replacement license agreement for 60 parking spaces located at 9th and Lavaca location.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding license agreements with Matt Lucas and Bobby Jay Williamson to trap and control the feral hog population in Travis County parks and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. (Commissioner Huber)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Planning and Budget Dept. Items**

5. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussion items.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

6. Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and permissions to continue:
  - a. Ratification of a new application submitted by the Travis County Historical Commission to the Texas Historical Commission to receive National Park Service Resources for public outreach and educational curricula for the Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead Project in south Travis County;
  - b. Permission to continue the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program and use Health and Human Services and Veterans Service's budget for related operating expenses until the forthcoming Fiscal Year 2012 agreement is fully executed; and
  - c. Permission to continue the Casey Family Programs Community and Family Reintegration Project in Health and Human Services and Veterans Service until the forthcoming Fiscal Year 2012 agreement is fully executed.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

7. Approve collateral assignment agreement between Travis County, Fotowatio Renewable Venture, LLC (Solar Farm) and Wells Fargo Bank.

Members of the Court heard from:

Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident  
Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney

**MOTION:** Approve Item 7.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

### Administrative Operations Items

8. Review and approve the immediate release of reimbursement payment to United Health Care for claims paid for participants in the Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for payment of \$565,509.10 for the period of December 9 to December 15, 2011.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

9. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed routine personnel amendments.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

### Purchasing Office Items

10. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. MA080155LC, Future Com, Ltd., for it security products, support and services.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

11. Approve interlocal agreement No. IL120078EC, Harris County Department of Education, to participate in the purchasing cooperative entitled "Choice Facility Partners."

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

12. Consider and take appropriate action on contract award to Ernst & Young, LLC for consultant services on feasibility analysis for new civil and family courthouse.

**RESULT:           POSTPONED**

13. Consider and take appropriate action on contract with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP for legal services to provide consultant services on feasibility analysis for new civil and family courthouse. (This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

**RESULT:           POSTPONED**

### Other Items

14. Receive revenue and expenditure reports for the month of November 2011.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Precinct One reappointments to Emergency Services District (ESD) Boards of Commissioners, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013:

- a. Jesse Arellano, Clemente Zabalza and Ronald Fowler, ESD No. 12;
- b. Gary Johnson and Cliff Kessler, ESD No. 13;
- c. Reggie Williams, ESD No. 4; and
- d. Maize Hamilton, ESD No. 2.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Precinct Three reappointments to Emergency Services District (ESD) Boards of Commissioners, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013:

- a. Carroll Knight and Edd New, ESD No. 3;
- b. Krista Moy and John Hogg, ESD No. 9; and
- c. Lainey Melnick and Tina Romanella De Marquez, ESD No. 10.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Executive Session Items**

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

*Note 1: Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney*

*Note 2: Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property*

*Note 3: Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters*

*Note 4: Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security*

*Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations*

17. Consider and take appropriate action to fill vacancy in the office of the Travis County Tax Assessor Collector on January 1, 2012, and related Issues. <sup>1 and 3</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 17 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.*

Members of the Court heard from:

John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

**MOTION:**           Appoint Delores Lopez.

**MOVER:**            Ron Davis, Commissioner

*Clerk's Note: The Motion died for lack of a Second.*

**MOTION:**           Appoint Stan Wilson.

**MOVER:**            Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

*Clerk's Note: The Motion died for lack of a Second.*

**MOTION:**           Appoint Tina Morton.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**            Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

**SECONDER:**       Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

**AYES:**             Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

**ABSENT:**           Margaret J. Gómez

18. Receive briefing and take appropriate action in Regina Jackson and Rudolf Williamson, individually, and on behalf of the estate of Rachel Jackson, deceased v. John A. Ford, M.D., and Travis County, Texas; Action No. A-10-CA-522-SS. <sup>1</sup>

**RESULT: POSTPONED**

**Consent Items**

Members of the Court heard from:  
Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C4 and Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6.a–c, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15a–d, and 16.a–c.  
**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

- C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent.
- C2. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest County funds.
- C3. Approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for the Voting Sessions of December 6 and 13, 2011.
- C4. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a 0.658 acre drainage easement located over and across a portion of Lot 1, Block A of the Schmidt Addition Subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber)

**Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court**

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Date of Approval

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Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge



**Minutes for the Northwest Travis County  
Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle)  
Tuesday, December 27, 2011  
Voting Session**

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1. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest Road District Funds.

**MOTION:** Make the investments in Item 1.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

2. Approve the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Minutes for the Voting Sessions of November 22 and December 6, 2011.

**MOTION:** Approve Item 2.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

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**Minutes for the Travis County  
Bee Cave Road District No. 1 (Galleria)  
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Margaret J. Gómez	Precinct 4, Commissioner	Absent

1. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest Road District Funds.

**RESULT: NOT NEEDED**

2. Approve the Bee Cave Road District No. 1 (Galleria) Minutes for the Voting Session of November 22, 2011.

**MOTION:** Approve Item 2.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

**Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court**

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